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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/760,285	FONG ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Shantese L. McDonald	3723

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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 March 2005.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                            2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

***Claim Objections***

Claims 1-8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The claims seem to be missing words, for example in claim 7, it appears that it should read, "to a hypoid and spiral bevel generator with and without a tilt head cutter", and in claim 8, it appears that it should read, "hypoid and spiral bevel generators".

Revision of all the claims is requested and appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear in claim 6, as to what is meant by, "with an amount of correction after giving an amount of correction at arbitrary position to be corrected". The wording of this claim is very awkward, and thus makes it difficult to interpret.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krenzer.

Krenzer teaches a modified radial motion method for modifying the lengthwise curvature of face-milling spiral bevel and hypoid gears, 12, (col. 2, line 56), applied to a holding type orthogonal CNC hypoid and spiral bevel generator, (fig. 1), capable of modifying the lengthwise curvature of gears and providing modified radial motion of a head cutter, 5, and by cooperating with rotation of a cradle without changing the head cutter's geometry. Krenzer teaches changing the radial setting of the head cutter with the rotation of the cradle, and tracing a circular arc in the machine plane with the rotation center of the head cutter, without changing the bearing ratio, (col. 5, line 57-col. 6, line 3). Krenzer also teaches achieving a locus of the head center by a constant radial setting and by modifying a vertical distance, L, between the work-gear axis, and the cradle axis. The modified radial motion of the head cutter and the rotation angle of the cradle are functions of a rotation angle of the work-gear and a rotation angle of the cradle, and the relationship between the head cutter and the rotation angle of the cradle, the rotation angle of the work-gear and the rotation angle of the cradle being a high-order polynomial formula, wherein a coefficient of the high order polynomial formula is determined at an arbitrary position on a tooth face, (col.7, line 41-col. 9, line 68).

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dooner et al. and Charles were cited to show other examples of milling gears.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shantese L. McDonald whose telephone number is (571) 272-4486. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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